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Santa Claus and his two helpers wave at the crowd in downtown Vancouver Sunday as more than 300,000 people turned out for the annual Rogers Santa Claus Parade, which is also the Greater Vancouver Food Bank's biggest day for donations. More photos, page 8. PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO

Family hopes student is at peace as pair face charges

Maple Batalia.
Young woman was gunned down on SFU's Surrey campus last year

The sister of a 19-year-old student who was shot in a university parkade in Surrey last year says her family can finally grieve now that two men have been charged with the crime.

"This isn't an easy day for us," Rosie Batalia told a news conference Saturday, when charges were laid in the death of Maple Batalia.

"We're just hoping that Maple will finally be at peace," said Batalia, who called the arrest bittersweet.

Twenty-year-old Gurjinder Dhaliwal, known as Gary, was charged with first-degree murder and his 22-year-old associate Gursimar Bedi was charged with manslaughter, using a firearm and being an accessory after the fact. Both are expected to appear in court Monday in Surrey.

Police would not comment on whether Dhaliwal was Batalia's ex-boyfriend, only that investigators knew about both men from the beginning of their 14-month investigation.

"We definitely, from the onset of this investigation, knew who these individuals were," Supt. Kevin Hackett, officer in charge of the Integrated Homicide Investigation Team said, adding there's nothing to suggest either was part of any gang.

Batalia was gunned down at about 1 a.m. on Sept. 28, 2011, as she was leaving Simon Fraser University's Surrey campus, where she had been studying.

The woman's tragic and violent death left her family, friends and the entire community at a loss, Hacket said.

"This homicide took place on the Surrey SFU campus where youth develop into our future leaders. This had an impact on our community's overall sense of security and safety."

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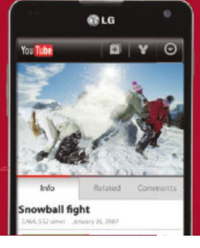

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Public space

Council reopens Robson Street to cars ... for now

Reopening the pedestrian plaza by the art gallery to vehicle traffic this weekend has — perhaps surprisingly — revitalized the public space during the rainy winter months, according to a small business owner.

Letting cars and buses pass through has "brought life back" to the 800-block of Robson Street, jewelry and accessory stand owner Aroka Kushner said Sunday.

Without scheduled programming such as the temporary cushion seating that pleased crowds this summer, the block was "more sinister" and desolate at night except for the occasional skateboard crew, Kushner said.

"I didn't like being out here," she said. "At least the traffic brings light from the cars."

City council voted last week to reopen the square where pedestrians have walked freely on and off since the 2010 Winter Olympics. But pedestrians tend not to stray from the sidewalks unless there is programming.

Council plans to close the square to traffic again in summer 2013, a decision that pleases Kushner.

"In the summer it was very vibrant, there was an atmosphere," she said.

While a permanent square isn't out of the question — in fact, the city's Transportation 2040 plan calls for one and the majority of Vancouverites support the notion, according to a November survey — staff needed more time to study how to use the space during the rainy season and the impacts of the closure.

EMILY JACKSON/METRO

Snowy owl spotted on Boundary Bay shore

A snowy owl rests on an abandoned boat on the shore of Boundary Bay in Delta on Saturday. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Redevelopment sends food vendors packing

Upset. Merchants are not happy after being served notices saying they have four months to vacate

An expansion of the food court at Vancouver's Harbour Centre is upsetting vendors who claim they are being treated unfairly.

The 35-year-old centre is undergoing an extensive multimillion dollar redevelopment beginning in spring of 2013.

The centre's 13 food vendors were given eviction notices on Friday, giving them four months to vacate before construction begins on 17,000 square feet of eating and common space that will be built to make room for 14 new vendors.

According to Harbour Centre Complex Limited, the old vendors will be given the opportunity to reapply for tenancy, but will be competing with other applicants when construction finishes late next year.

Douglas Leo, a current food vendor in Harbour Centre who owns Bronco Belle Texas BBQ, says he feels cheated.

"We went through a very bad year and a half before this," said Leo.

"Now it's back to a good level and they're kicking us out."

Leo claims he has had his business in the food court since 2006 and still had several years left on his lease.

"I wouldn't sign back on. What's to stop them from doing this to me again? They never told me anything about what was happening."

Harbour Centre managers say that the expansion is necessary in order to compete with other food courts in Vancouver, and that they had no choice but to terminate the vendor's leases.

"Of course we appreciate the impact this will have on them. These are people who work hard," says Norman Pearl, senior vice-president of Polaris Realty Canada Limited, the company which manages Harbour Centre. "It's not a joyful occasion."

The redevelopment of Harbour Centre will begin April 1, 2013.

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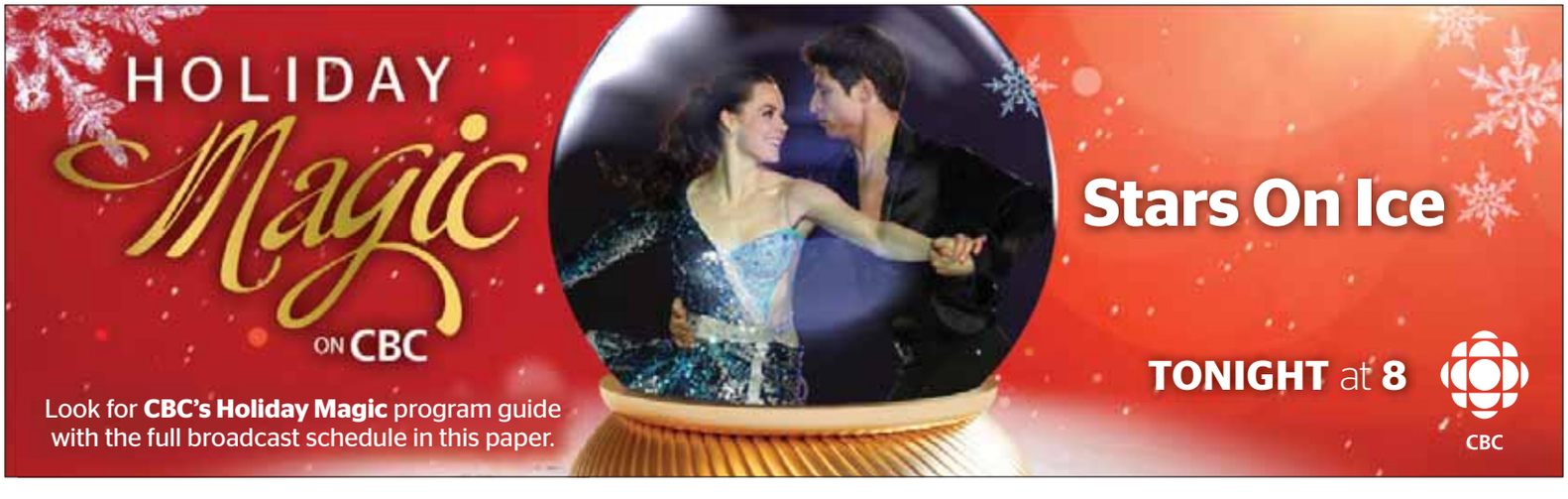

Drivers cruising in the fast lane, transit bogged down

Commuters. Port Mann Bridge opens while public transit projects fight with 3 levels of government for funding

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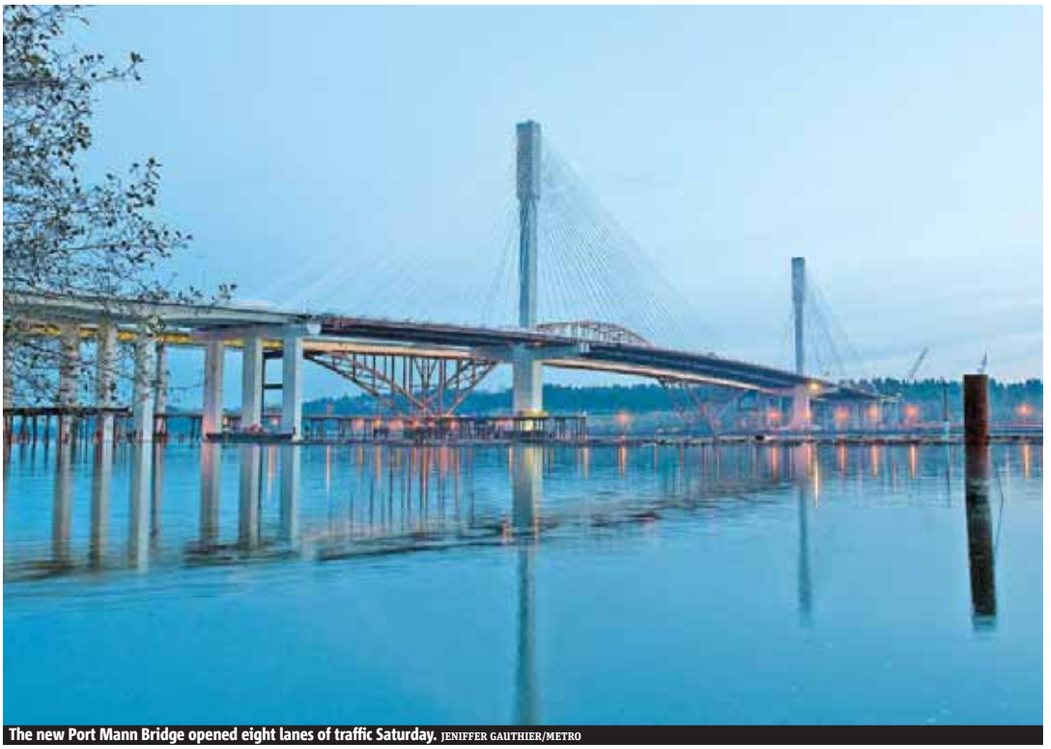

The new Port Mann Bridge opened eight lanes of traffic Saturday. JENIFFER GAUTHIER/METRO

The Port Mann Bridge, at the cost of $3.3 billion, is open for business.

The George Massey Tunnel replacement project is now in its public consultation phase, just weeks after being announced by Premier Christy Clark.

The province of British Columbia seems to be able to go forward with large road infrastructure projects with little more than a snap of the fingers.

Yet public transportation projects are bogged down by fighting among three levels of government, TransLink funding woes and years of debating over who will pay for it.

What gives?

"That's just the political reality," says Peter Ladner, a former Vancouver city councillor who is now spokesperson for the Sustainable Transportation Coalition. "When the government wants a bridge or tunnel to go through, there is no requirement for new taxes or revenue streams."

TransLink's inability to provide expanded transit in communities like Surrey, or along Vancouver's congested Broadway corridor, is well documented.

Municipalities are reluctant to raise property taxes, gas tax revenues have been plummeting and are expected to decline by a further $144 million from 2013 to 2015.

Unpopular transit fare increases are being implemented in the New Year to help compensate, but even those revenues will be $15 million lower than expected after the transportation commissioner denied requests for a higher increase.

Instead of embarking on projects that would ease congestion, improve quality of life, and make public transportation a realistic alternative for drivers, the transit authority has scaled back its 2013 base plan significantly.

All at a time when it's fashionable for politicians to remind the public "there is only one taxpayer".

"If there is only one taxpayer, why are highway projects treated so differently from public transportation projects? We never ask that question," says Gordon Price, Simon Fraser University director of the City Program. "If the premier wants to replace the tunnel, she just announces it and it happens. It's all about priorities. There's a 180-degree difference in the perception."

Traffic congestion (as much as 13 hours a day on the old Port Mann Bridge) is seen as a loss of productivity, but Price argues planners don't think the same about commuters in Surrey that make three bus transfers to get to work, or about people passed up by three or four packed B-line buses at Broadway and Commercial Drive before catching a ride.

"We have to shift to sustainable design for transit before we talk about more tunnels and bridges," says Ladner. "It has to be a piece of the pie. If you get 40 more people onto a bus, you take 40 cars off the road. But only if it makes sense for drivers to switch."

The Mayor's Council on Transportation has given the province a Feb. 28, 2013 deadline to come up with new sustainable funding options for TransLink, including road pricing.

If their demands are not met, Vancouver's Gregor Robertson and Surrey's Dianne Watts vow to make public transportation funding a provincial election issue.

UBC's Sauder School of Business transportation expert Robin Lindsey thinks road pricing will be a tough sell to drivers and "won't happen immediately."

"That would be a huge change, a revolution," says Lindsey. "It is something that's been advocated for some time, but how would you toll the whole road network without people being concerned?"

No matter what the fix is, Ladner says the discrepancy between beleaguered public transportation projects and fast-tracked highways needs to be bridged.

"Major projects should line-up the same way," he says.

Transportation minister Mary Polak was unavailable for comment, despite several requests by Metro last week.

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Gordon Price, Simon Fraser University director of the City Program, on the transit authority significantly scaling back its 2013 base plan for public transportation projects.

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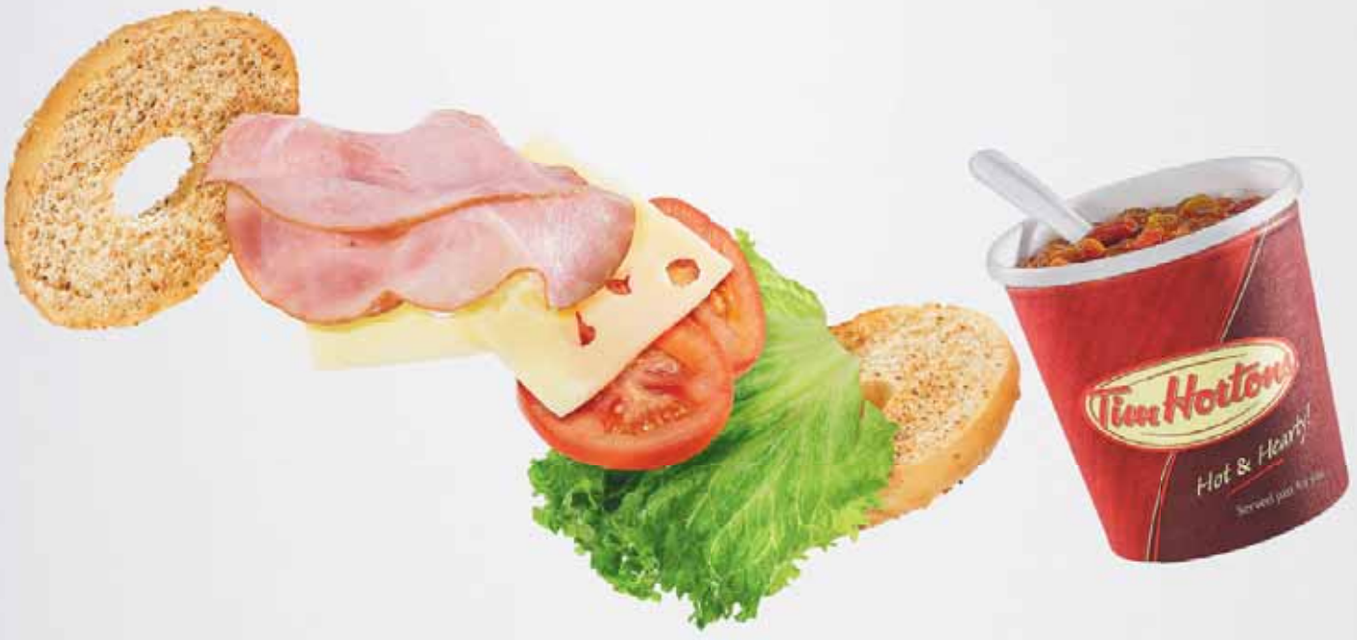

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10 years on the run.
Accused eco-terrorist to make court appearance

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Rebecca Rubin
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Rebecca Rubin, 39, is charged with conspiracy, use of a destructive device and 20 counts of arson for her role in a string of fires in Oregon, Colorado and California, the FBI says.

She allegedly operated as a member of the environmental organizations the Earth Liberation Front and the Animal Liberation Front, both of which are considered domestic terrorist bodies south of the border.

The FBI offered a $50,000 reward for tips leading to her arrest. It's unclear where she lived while on the run for the past decade, but since 2009 she had been spotted in Nelson and Vancouver.

EMILY JACKSON/METRO

Traffic accident

Motorcycle rider collides with cop car

A motorcyclist was seriously injured after crashing into an RCMP vehicle in Campbell River on Sunday. The man was allegedly driving at high speed without a helmet when police tried to stop him. He then lost control of his bike and crashed it into the police car. RCMP are investigating.

CARA MCKENNA/FOR METRO

Policy reversal

OK for nurses to refuse flu shot

Nurses who don't get a flu shot won't be disciplined or forced to wear masks and stickers, the British Columbia Nurses Union says. The union says the province has backed off on a mandatory vaccination policy introduced in August after a strong public campaign by members.

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Mission kidnapping and torture suspects at large

RCMP investigation.
Two other suspects have been arrested, police say

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Mounties are on the hunt for two men accused of kidnapping and torturing a 44-year-old man in Mission last month.

Gurdev "Dave" Hair and Steve Douglas Godard, both 41, have been charged with kidnapping, unlawful confinement, assault with a weapon and aggravated assault. Both are known to police and have outstanding warrants for their arrest.

Police allege the pair were involved in the kidnapping and "vicious assault" of a man in Mission on Nov. 25.

Hair is six foot two, 250 pounds, with brown eyes and short black hair. Godard is five foot 10, 158 pounds, with blue eyes and short blond hair.

RCMP are looking for Gurdev "Dave" Hair, left, and Steve Douglas Godard, on charges that they kidnapped and assaulted a 44-year-old man in Mission last Sunday. CONTRIBUTED/RCMP

RCMP spokesperson Sgt. Peter Thiessen said two other suspects — Carl Hendrik Brandow, 33, and Nathalie Ann Parker, 27 — have already been arrested and charged in connection with the case.

Both suspects remain in custody. They are scheduled to appear in court on Dec. 14 and Dec. 18 respectively.

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More than 300,000 spectators lined the streets of downtown Vancouver Sunday to greet the big man in red at the ninth annual Rogers Santa Claus Parade. It was raining early on, but the sky cleared just in time.

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RCMP urges big changes to witness protection program

Blueprint for reform.
Mounties propose admission criteria be expanded to 'a broader spectrum of eligible witnesses'

Youth gang members — not just mobsters, bikers and other traditional protectees — should be allowed into the federal witness-protection program as part of a sweeping modernization, the RCMP says.

The Mounties are also embracing intensive psychological examination of potential protectees, a national support centre for the secretive program and an external advisory board to serve as a watchdog.

Sweeping changes

- The report says the program must be "better able to respond to current challenges" such as street and youth gang violence.
- The report also says a review of best practices and consultations with other countries revealed that the use of psychologists would "greatly assist" in determining whether someone was suitable for protection and possible relocation.

The changes are spelled out in a detailed RCMP blueprint for reforming witness protection with assistance from the federal Public Safety Department and the provinces.

Although the paper was completed in May 2010, it was released only now to The Canadian Press under the Access to Information Act.

RCMP spokesperson Laurence Trottier — while providing few details — confirmed that at least some changes have already been introduced. Trottier added that the witness-protection program "continues to rapidly evolve."

The program, administered by the Mounties, provides measures ranging from short-term protection to permanent relocation and identity changes.

The RCMP spent more than $9 million on the program in 2011-12.

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Wreaths laid to honour fallen veterans

Relatives and members of the public place wreaths at headstones of fallen soldiers on Sunday during a Wreaths Across Canada ceremony at Beechwood Military Cemetery in Ottawa. The commemorative ceremony places a wreath on the headstone of every veteran buried in the National Military Cemetery at 1:30 p.m. on the first Sunday of December. The day also helps teach children about the sacrifice of our fallen.

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Worldwide pollution levels on the rise

Global warming. Scientists say CO_2 increase means it's unlikely that countries will meet reduction targets

The amount of heat-trapping pollution the world spewed rose again last year by three per cent. Scientists say it's now unlikely that global warming can be limited to a couple of degrees, which is an international goal.

The overwhelming majority of the increase was from China, the world's biggest carbon dioxide polluter. Of the planet's top 10 polluters, the United States and Germany were the only countries that reduced their carbon dioxide emissions.

Last year, all the world's nations combined pumped nearly 38.2 billion tons of carbon dioxide into the air from the burning of fossil fuels such as coal and oil, according to new international calculations on global emissions published Sunday in the journal Nature Climate Change. That's about a billion tons more than 2010.

The total amounts to more than 2.4 million pounds (1.1 million kilograms) of carbon dioxide released into the air every second.

Because emissions of the key greenhouse gas have been rising steadily and most carbon stays in the air for a century, it is not just unlikely but "rather optimistic" to think that the world can limit future temperature increases to 2 C (3.6 F), said the study's lead author, Glen Peters at the Center for International Climate and Environmental Research in Oslo, Norway.

Three years ago, nearly 200 nations set the 2 C temperature goal in a non-binding agreement. Negotiators, now at a conference under way in Doha, Qatar, are trying to find ways to reach that target.

The only way, Peters said, is to start reducing world emissions now.

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A smoggy morning commute in Beijing. China is responsible for the majority of a three per cent increase in worldwide carbon dioxide levels in 2011, making it the world's biggest polluter. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Conference in Doha

Looking beyond Kyoto

Highlighting a rift between the rich countries and emerging economies like China, New Zealand's climate minister staunchly defended his government's decision to drop out of the emissions pact for developed nations, saying it's an outdated and insufficient response to global warming.

Other key issues at the conference, now starting its second week, include how to help emerging nations switch to climate-friendly energy sources and charting the course for a new treaty that would replace the Kyoto Protocol, which covers only developed countries.

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2011's biggest polluters

1. China, up 10 per cent to 10 billion tons.
2. United States, down two per cent to 5.9 billion tons
3. India, up seven per cent to 2.5 billion tons
4. Russia, up three per cent to 1.8 billion tons.
5. Japan, up 0.4 per cent to 1.3 billion tons.

The list continues with Germany, Iran and South Korea, followed by:

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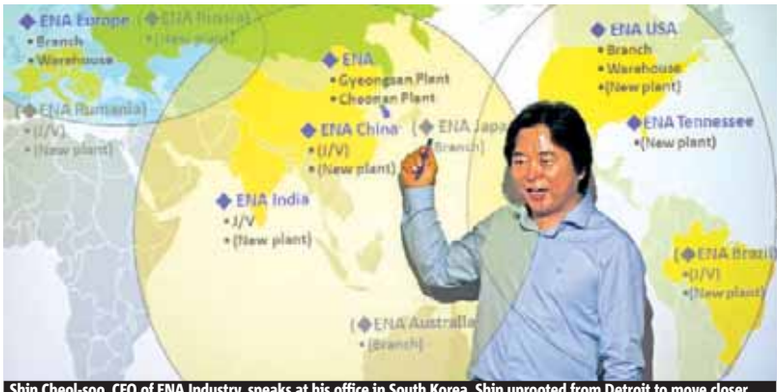
China surpasses U.S. as world's trade partner



Shin Cheol-soo, CEO of ENA Industry, speaks at his office in South Korea. Shin uprooted from Detroit to move closer to China, which now leads in key trade partnerships worldwide. LEE JIN-MAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The hand that feeds. China is starting to push back in disputes over trade, exchange rates and climate change

Shin Cheol-soo no longer sees his future in the United States.

The South Korean businessman supplied components to American automakers for a decade. But this year, he uprooted his family from Detroit and moved home to focus on selling to the new economic superpower: China.

In just five years, China has surpassed the U.S. as a trading partner for much of the world, including U.S. allies such as South Korea and Australia, according to an Associated Press analysis of trade data. As recently as 2006, the U.S. was the larger trading partner for 127 countries, versus just 70 for China. By last year the two had clearly traded places: 124 countries for China, 76 for the U.S.

In the most abrupt global shift of its kind since the Second World War, the trend is changing the way people live and do business from Africa to Arizona, as farmers plant more soybeans to sell to China and students sign up to learn Mandarin.

The findings show how fast China has ascended to challenge America's century-old status as the globe's dominant trader, a change that is gradually translating into political influence. They highlight how pervasive China's impact has been, spreading from neighbouring Asia to Africa and now emerging in Latin America, the traditional U.S. backyard.

Despite China's now-slowing economy, its share of world output and trade is expected to keep rising, with growth forecast at up to eight per cent a year over the next decade.

Last year, Shin's ENA Industry Co. made half his sales of rubber and plastic parts to U.S. factories. But his plans call for China, which overtook the U.S. as the biggest auto market in 2009, to rise fivefold to 30 per cent of his total by 2015.

"The United States is a tiger with no power," Shin said in his office, where three walls are lined with books, many about China. "Nobody can deny that China is the one now rising."

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Power-holder

"The United States is a tiger with no power."

Shin Cheol-soo, South Korean businessman

Trade secrets. Couple convicted of stealing info on hybrid car technology

A former General Motors engineer with access to the automaker's hybrid technology was convicted along with her husband of stealing trade secrets for possible use in China.

Shanshan Du won a transfer within GM in 2003 to be closer to the technology and then copied documents until she accepted a severance offer and left the company in 2005, prosecutors said.

Du, 54, and Yu Qin, 51, were found guilty Friday by a federal jury in Detroit after a trial that lasted weeks. Qin also was convicted of wire fraud and attempting to obstruct justice by shredding documents. Du faces up to 10 years in prison, while her husband faces up to 30. No sentencing date has been set.

Shanshan Du THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

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Battery maker

China approves Wanxiang bid to buy U.S.'s A123

China has approved a proposal by auto parts conglomerate Wanxiang Group Corp. to purchase the assets of bankrupt U.S. battery maker A123 Systems.

The Chinese Commerce Ministry's approval of the bid was announced by the official Xinhua News Agency on Sunday. Wanxiang is interested in buying substantially all of the assets of A123.

It will have to compete with other bidders, including Johnson Controls Inc., a U.S. auto parts maker which has offered $125 million for A123's automotive assets.

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WORLD-RECORD BRIDGE TAKES ITS TOLL

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It's a game-changer.

The only question is: What's the game?

If the game is statistical one-upmanship, the new Port Mann Bridge, which officially opened to eight lanes of traffic over the weekend, is a contender. It's now in the Guinness Book of World Records as the world's widest bridge (woo-hoo) and North America's second-longest, but all of those claims come with a blizzard of asterisks, as you have to figure out if it's a suspension bridge or a cable-stayed bridge.

And if it's a cable-stayed bridge, you gotta know whether it's a cantilever spar cable-stayed bridge … never mind.

If the game is cost, then the $3.3-billion cost of B.C.'s biggest-ever transportation project definitely changes the game, especially for the people who will cross it daily and pay a toll of three bucks a pop. This gives new meaning to that old joke that starts: "I've got a bridge you might wanna buy." We've already bought this one whether we want it or not, and we'll be paying it off for the next 100 years, which is double the lifespan of the old span.

If the game is esthetics, the new bridge is certainly a lot better-looking than the old bridge, which, at 45, hasn't aged well. It's so ugly, the government has decided to take it down altogether, which will certainly spruce up the gateway to Lotusland.

If the game is time of commute, the government claims the new bridge will save people 30 per cent on their commute, as much as an hour. We'll see. And we'll see today. But there is little doubt that only a rapid transit zealot could love the hours of endless gridlock that have daunted weary commuters 14 hours a day. Two more lanes open once the old bridge is demolished next year, which is another good reason to kiss its superstructure goodbye.

If it's a game of urban planning, who knows? Local know-it-alls have been saying for years that the bridge will lead to a land rush in the Fraser Valley, rampant development, a huge uptick in population and real-estate prices, and another round of gridlock in 20 years. Even so, is that a reason to condemn hundreds of thousands of commuters to a living hell day in, day out?

If it's a game of transportation planning, you can't help but wonder if trains, not cars, are the answer, but now that the bridge has been built, the above-mentioned transit zealots are the only ones who still care. That's them, poised stealthily in the rushes near the bank of the Fraser, ready to jump out and declare: "I told you so!" at the appropriate moment. Every dog has its day.

Still, whatever the game and whatever the rules, the new Port Mann is an impressive achievement. Especially when compared to the Barnet Highway or the new Highway 17 and other half-hearted halfway highways.

This one matters.

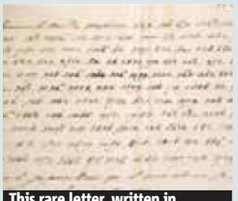
Blowing up the Kremlin

Secret-code letter by Napoleon auctioned off

A secret-code letter sent in 1812 by Napoleon Bonaparte boasting that his French forces would blow up Moscow's Kremlin has sold at auction for 10 times its estimated pre-sale price.

A Paris museum — the Museum of Letters and Manuscripts — was finalizing its purchase of the Oct. 20, 1812, document for $243,500 US, including fees. That's far above the pre-sale estimate of $19,500 US.

Auctioneers at Fontainebleau Auction House south of Paris say the letter sold Sunday is unique. It was written in a numeric code used by the French ruler to throw off would-be interceptors. Its content bared the strains on Napoleon of his calamitous Russian invasion.



This rare letter, written in unusually emotive language, sees Napoleon complain of harsh conditions and the shortcomings of his grand army.
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One line said: "At three o'clock in the morning, on the 22nd I am going to blow up the Kremlin."

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Cartooning consumerism

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Tagging acts as culture commentary

The iconic cartoon father Homer Simpson pasted to the side of a shuttered 7-Eleven in Windsor, Ont., cries out in pain, blood dripping from his hands and wrists. Dubbed Homercidal, he's the work of street artist Ben Frost.

"It's as if consumerism has affected Windsor in a way that's burst the bubble," he says. "Homer has the blood of the workers on his hands." METRO

D'oh

- Frost also affixed a two-headed Dewey (of Duck Tales fame) to an abandoned Kentucky Fried Chicken, and a somewhat disturbing version of Bambi to a former Home Depot location.
- The KFC duck clearly invokes urban legends about the company using genetically modified animals in its food, while the Home Depot piece is a comment on mass-produced goods.

Buyer's remorse

Message might stick

Frost uses his art as a form of social commentary.

"In a lot of ways, it's about using corporate imagery as a way to take the power back, taking their logos and what they're feeding us, and subverting it," he says.

Frost's pieces are paper posters affixed using simple adhesives. The method helps minimize his chance of a run-in with the law.

"Because it's paper, you can only get in trouble for littering," he says. METRO

Not about doughnuts

"It's a nod to a consumer culture where we're just creating simulations of the same stuff ... especially at a place like Home Depot where there's five million $1 paintbrushes. There must be a machine somewhere that's just spitting them out."

Ben Frost, Toronto-based street artist

Chilly children warmed by big hearts

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It's time to raid the closets for those gently used winter coats!

The Burnaby Rotary Club is collecting coats for their ninth annual Rotary Club Coats for Kids campaign.

"It is a really feel-good project where anyone can participate, from children who are made aware of other children needing help, to adult individuals, families, businesses, schools and other organizations," says Gloria Staudt, a Rotary spokesperson.

The motivation, she says, is simple: "No child (should) be cold during the winter."

The coats are distributed from a truck, a mobile shop that enables the kids to choose the coat they like.

You can get involved in the campaign by donating new or gently used waterproof hooded coats, or by giving a $12 cash donation to purchase a coat.

Volunteers are looking for coats for babies and for 14- to 16-year-olds, in particular.

For more information and to find your nearest coat drop-off location, check out burnabymetrotownrotary.org, email rotarycoatsforkids@gmail.com, or call 604-431-0400.

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December

Sun. 2	5 pm	Toy Story 2
	8 pm	Toy Story 3
Mon. 3	8 pm	Stars On Ice
Wed. 5	8 pm	Dragons' Den Holiday Special
Sat. 8	7 pm	Hockey: A People's History
	8 pm	ISU Championship Skating - Grand Prix Final
Sun. 9	5 pm	Lassie
	8 pm	Home Alone
Mon. 10	2 pm	Steven and Chris Holiday episodes begin
	8 pm	Dr. Seuss: How the Grinch Stole Christmas
	8:30 pm	Frosty the Snowman
Tues. 11	8 pm	22 Minutes Holiday Special
Wed. 12	8 pm	Holiday Festival On Ice 2012
Thurs. 13	8 pm	Mickey's Christmas Carol
	8:30 pm	The Magic Hockey Skates
	9 pm	Season of Song: Canadian Tenors and Friends
Fri. 14	8 pm	Miracle on 34th Street (1994)
Sun. 16	5 pm	Disney Presents Eloise at Christmastime
	7 pm	Rudolph
	8 pm	National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation
Mon. 17	8 pm	Santa Clause
Tues. 18	8 pm	Santa Clause 2
Wed. 19	8 pm	Santa Clause 3
Thurs. 20	8 pm	Rudolph
	9 pm	Canadian Country Music Association: Home for the Holidays

Fri. 21	8 pm	A Christmas Story
Sun. 23	5 pm	Goose on the Loose (movie)
	7 pm	Frosty The Snowman
	7:30 pm	Frosty Returns
	8 pm	Elf
Mon. 24	8 pm	Scrooge (1951 classic)

Christmas Day

Tues. 25	11 am	Frosty the Snowman
	11:30 am	Frosty Returns
	12 noon	Queen's Message
	12:05 pm	Disney Parks Christmas Day Parade
	2 pm	Goose on the Loose (movie)
	4 pm	Heartland Christmas (movie)
	6 pm	Nativity (movie)
	8 pm	Miracle on 34th Street (1947)
	11pm	Gospel Christmas Celebration
	12am	Stuart McLean's Vinyl Cafe Christmas Pageant

Wed. 26	8 pm	Dragons' Den Holiday Special
	9 pm	Holiday Festival on Ice 2012
Fri. 28	8 pm	Anne Murray: Friends & Legends Holiday Special
Sun. 30	3 pm	March of the Penguins
	5 pm	Chronicles of Narnia

New Year's Eve

Mon. 31	7 pm	22 Minutes Holiday Special
	8 pm	RCAF New Year's Eve Special
	9 pm	Ron James New Year's Eve
	11:30 pm	George Stroumboulopoulos Tonight (New Year's Eve Special)
Jan. 1	8 pm	Happy Feet

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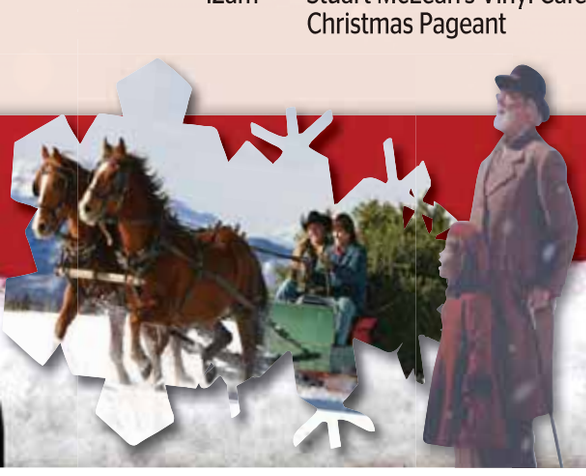

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Torture? That's fine, but don't beat him at ping-pong

Silent Night. Latest role offers McDowell — who relished beating Stanley Kubrick at table tennis — a rare chance to play the good guy

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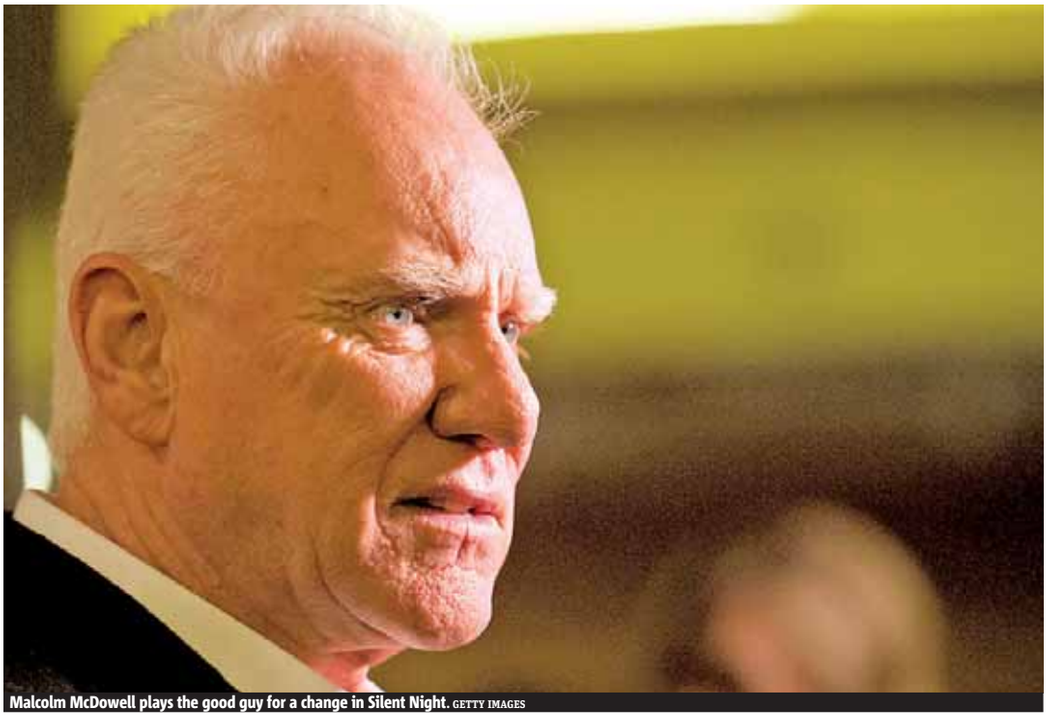

Malcolm McDowell plays the good guy for a change in Silent Night. GETTY IMAGES

On Wednesday, the two most popular items on my Facebook site were a picture of a kimono-wearing David Bowie playing ping-pong, the other a mention of my upcoming interview with Malcolm McDowell.

My reference to McDowell, the menacing actor who famously played the man who killed Captain Kirk in Star Trek: Generations and became an icon starring as Alex DeLarge in A Clockwork Orange, drew dozens of comments.

The interview was meant to promote Silent Night, a Winnipeg-shot slasher flick about a killer Santa Claus, on DVD next week, but before we get into talking about the film, however, I tell him about the postings. He connects the dots between table tennis and his most famous film.

It seems director Stanley Kubrick and McDowell played ping-pong on the set of A Clockwork Orange. When I ask who usually won, he said:

"He never ever took a set from me. I wiped the floor with him with such great relish because it was the only thing I could really beat him at. He was tormenting me as the character and I'm sure deep down he enjoyed it. He was a little bit sadistic. I went through quite a lot of nasty injuries from the eye thing and horrible things like being dunked in water and almost drowned. There was a lot of physical abuse. So when I could get my own back, I really loved it."

When I ask if he still plays the game, he replies, "No, I haven't played in years."

Hasn't had time I guess.

An on-going role in the series Franklin and Bush and 17 other IMDB credits for 2012 alone are proof that at age 69, he keeps as busy as most actors half his age. He says Silent Night was a welcome change, however.

Usually cast as a baddie, he was chuffed to play the brave sheriff of a town terrorized by a slaying Santa. "Without pandering to the audience, I just wanted to bring a little lightness and humour to it without chewing the scenery," he says. "Well, not too much."

Not that he's unhappy playing villains. "In my early career, I started playing heavies," he says. "Clockwork Orange is one of the great heavies. If I had been playing heroic types I would have had a very short career. Playing heavies has allowed me to work no matter what my age."

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The newest edition of the Pirelli calendar features only clothed models. HANDOUT

The Pirelli Calendar 2013: Not skin deep

In Brazil. The iconic calendar is revealed ... but where's all the nudity?

RICHARD PECKETT
Metro World News

Chaps, we're not sure how to break this to you, but here goes ... the 2013 Pirelli calendar shot by Steve McCurry features clothed models. But don't worry, it's not a complete travesty.

In previous years, leading photographers such as Mario Sorrenti, Terry Richardson, Patrick Demarchelier and Karl Lagerfeld have all pictured scantily clad or full nudes for the calendar.

Yes, this is not the usual Pirelli protocol.

However, there's plenty to appreciate in the form of Rio de Janeiro's natural beauty from samba dancers, a fruit seller to dramatic street art and even a pregnant Adriana Lima.

"I tried to portray Brazil, its landscape, its economy and its culture, along with the human element," McCurry says.

"I would say I am a street photographer doing 'found situations.'

"You can photograph nudes anywhere," he adds.

Most of the male population may disagree but nevertheless, the calendar, which features 23 portraits of actresses and models (all committed to humanitarian and charitable organizations), includes Isabeli Fontana, Karlie Kloss and Liya Kebede, nine daily life shots and a further two of graffiti and murals.

The collection is a striking portrayal of Brazil as a progressive BRIC nation and a key market for Pirelli.

Clearly business and beauty can make for happy bedfellows.

Next week

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Jesse Cohen and Eric Emm of Tanlines. GETTY IMAGES

See the light (and enter the dark) with the talented Tanlines

Mixed Emotions.
Spring debut release embraces both positive and negative, just like Jesse Cohen of Brooklyn electronic act

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When doing an internet search for music by the electronic act Tanlines, it's inevitable that a much more popular release by a musician who has nothing to do with the Brooklyn-based duo will pop up.

"Oh, you mean Luke Bryan? Tailgates & Tanlines?" asks Jesse Cohen. It's almost a novelty to hear a guy who plays keyboards, drums and bass for a dance group to name check a country superstar. But Cohen recently became quite familiar with the album that shares a word with his band's name.

"We did a tour of the South two weeks ago, which we had never done, and I made sure to bring that, just to finally listen to it, because it's a huge album and it sold like over a million copies this year, so it's always been all over my Google alerts," he elaborates.

Cohen says while Luke Bryan's brand of baseball-hat country is not exactly his favorite type of music, he does appreciate the music for what it is.

In conversation, Cohen comes across as a person who strives for positivity, but is honest about the negatives. This ethos has a lot in common with Tanlines' debut album, Mixed Emotions, which came out this past spring.

The music is upbeat, but there's conflict within the lyrics and the rhythms.

"We wanted to write an album that's an honest reflection of who we are as two individuals," says Cohen of himself and singer/guitarist Eric Emm. "It's that mix of light and dark, happy and sad and upbeat and melancholic at the same time."

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Diamonds are a dating guru's best friend

THE WORD
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Oh, the beauty of dating around the holidays. You go from being asked why you don't have a boyfriend/girlfriend to, when you do finally have someone you could fathom bringing home, stressing out about melding your two worlds without resorting to pharmaceuticals.

So when we caught up with the professional, Bravo's Millionaire Matchmaker Patti Stanger, at a tasting of TY KU sake and spirits in New York City, we asked for tips on what to do when bringing someone home for the first time.

"First of all, the person who comes should bring a gift to the parents," Stanger says. "That sets the tone. Find out what (your partner's parents) like. Wine? Chocolate? The second thing is telling your parents a little bit about the person's interests and likes, so they have a hot button to push on," she notes. "Tell the same thing to your mate, so they can get into a conversation. Once that's broken in, they'll be fine."

Having a hard time figuring out what to give as a gift? If you're on a budget, don't look to Stanger for guidance — they call her the Millionaire Matchmaker for a reason. When we asked what was the best holiday gift she ever received, she didn't miss a beat: "Jewelry and diamonds. Diamonds are the best."

Robert Pattinson

A biting affair: Pattinson keeps Stewart on her toes

Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson may have reconciled following her cheating scandal this summer, but it's not necessarily all smooth sailing between the Twilight co-stars. "Things will be strained for a while," a source tells Us Weekly. "Rob is at a point where he sometimes ignores her. He'll go out and won't respond to her calls or texts right away. She knows she has to go along with it. She is working hard at the relationship."

Ke$ha wouldn't rule out romance with the Biebs

While Justin Bieber appears to be patching things up with Selena Gomez, he can take comfort in the fact that he'd have other options if the reconciliation doesn't work out. When asked by Rolling Stone if she'd be interested in getting intimate with the 18-year-old pop star, rapper Ke$ha gives a resounding, "Sure" before asking, "Wait, is he even legal? Could I go to jail for this?" Once assured that Bieber is in fact of age, Ke$ha adds, "OK then, I would. We could go out and buy lottery tickets, vote, play putt-putt golf. All the things that are legal at the age of 18."

Justin Bieber

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Ke$ha
On getting intimate with Justin Bieber

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Beyond sleeping soundly, new research suggests kids who swim also hit developmental milestones earlier than their landlocked peers.

The Griffith Institute for Educational Research pooled together three years' worth of data from 7,000 under-fives from Australia, New Zealand and the U.S. in the most comprehensive study on the impact of early years swimming.

Swimmers outperformed non-swimmers, regardless of socio-economic background and gender. Not only were visual-motor skills milestones achieved earlier, but children who swam also scored better in areas of literacy and numeracy. **JULIE M. GREEN, YUMMYMUMMYCLUB.CA**

Cleanup

Easy linen closet solutions

Have you ever found yourself pulling apart your entire linen closet in a desperate search for matching sheets and pillowcases?

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No child should feel afraid to go to school — ever

Bullying. The increasing problem hits close to home for one family

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It's 2:03 a.m. and I'm wide-awake. My mind keeps replaying a conversation my husband and I had with our six-year-old son, who told us he was being bullied at school.

It was the hardest, most gut-wrenching conversation I've ever had. My son was a happy, optimistic kid who recently had turned into an angry, moody and argumentative shell of himself. For the longest time, I blamed myself for going back to work. I wish my job was the reason behind the change.

He was afraid of recess. He didn't want to be pushed or called an idiot and a baby.

The worst part was that he was starting to believe these words. He said, "I know you keep saying that they are just words and I should ignore them, but sometimes the words are just too strong and my brain tells me to believe them. Maybe I am the world's worst boy and I don't deserve to be at that school or in this family. Or maybe I shouldn't even be on this earth. Those boys are making my life shorter. I feel that in my head."

No six-year-old should ever say these words. No child should feel afraid to go to school — ever.

I now have a heightened sense of urgency to find a bullying solution. I get that kids will be kids, but this generation seems to be increasingly filled with kids who push and test the boundaries with no true sense of what consequences their actions will have.

Schools need the resources and support to deal with this ever-growing problem. Parents need to be more proactive.

We need to talk to our kids about being bullied, what bullying is and what it does. We need to keep the lines of communication open and keep the dialogue going until it sinks in.

Before he finally fell asleep, my son asked if we were mad at him for telling us what was bothering him. We both told him how incredibly proud of him we were because we knew how hard it was for him to tell us, especially since it had been bothering him for such a long time. We told him we thought he was very brave. He cried. We cried. We exchanged I love yous and extra long hugs.

Bullying proves that words can hurt. ISTOCK

I stayed with him until he fell asleep, just staring, watching him breathe and hoping that his mind would be filled with nothing but good dreams while he slept. And I wished that in the morning he would turn back into that happy, carefree little boy I once knew. **YUMMYMUMMYCLUB.CA IS AN ONLINE RESOURCE TO HELP BUSY WOMEN SURVIVE MOTHERHOOD**

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The garnishes for this Tortilla, Sautéed Corn and Plum Tomato Soup make it a real Tex-Mex favourite as well as a beautiful-looking soup.

It's a great starter to a main course of fajitas, burritos or quesadillas.

I buy flavoured tortillas in bulk and freeze them.

To defrost, place the entire package in the microwave oven and heat on high for 30 seconds, or just until you can break away the number you need. Refreeze the remainder.

The different colours add interest to any meal.

This recipe serves six. LORELLA ZANETTI, FROM ROSE REISMAN'S COMPLETE LIGHT KITCHEN (WHITECAP BOOKS)

Ingredients

- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup chopped green bell pepper
- 2 tsp minced fresh garlic
- 3/4 cup drained canned corn kernels
- 4 cups chicken or vegetable stock
- 3/4 cup rinsed and drained canned black beans
- 3 tbsp basmati rice
- 1 tsp hot chili paste
- 1 cup diced plum tomatoes
- 2 1/2 tsp cornstarch
- 1/4 tsp salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 1 cup thinly sliced flavored flour tortillas
- 1/3 cup chopped cilantro or parsley
- 1/4 cup low-fat sour cream

1. Spray a non-stick saucepan with cooking oil, add the vegetable oil and place over medium heat. Cook the onion, green pepper and garlic, stirring occasionally for 5 minutes or until the onions are golden. Stir in the corn and cook for 5 minutes, or until the corn begins to brown.

2. Stir in the stock, black beans, rice and chili paste. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat to a simmer and cook for 12 minutes.

3. Add the tomatoes, cornstarch (dissolved in 1 tbsp of water) and salt and pepper. Simmer for 2 minutes until slightly thickened.

4. Ladle the soup into individual bowls and garnish each serving with tortilla strips, fresh herbs, and sour cream.

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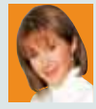

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Comforting. Roasted Cauliflower & Red Pepper Soup

This Roasted Cauliflower and Red Pepper soup not only offers great flavour, but the colours and textures are attractive as well.

Roasting intensifies the flavours of the vegetables. To roast red peppers, quarter peppers and remove seeds. Place skin side up on a rimmed baking sheet in a 230 C (450 F) oven and roast for 10 minutes. Turn peppers over and roast for 10 to 15 minutes or until skins are blackened.

Transfer peppers to a small bowl, cover tightly and let stand for about 15 minutes. When cool enough to handle, peel off blackened skin and discard.

Meanwhile, cut the cauliflower into bite-size florets to make it easier to eat.

1. Heat oven to 220 C (425 F).

2. Line a rimmed baking sheet with foil. Place cauliflower on sheet and drizzle with 10 ml (2 tsp) of the oil.

3. Roast, turning once, for 20 to 25 minutes or until florets start to caramelize and are lightly browned.

4. Meanwhile, in a large pot, heat remaining oil over medium heat. Sauté onion and carrots for 3 to 4 minutes or until softened. Add garlic and sauté for 30 seconds. Stir in caramelized cauliflower, broth, roasted peppers and thyme; increase heat to high and bring to a boil.

5. Reduce heat and simmer for 10 minutes to blend flavours. Discard thyme sprigs. Season to taste with pepper.

Ingredients

- 1.25 l (5 cups) bite-size cauliflower florets
- 20 ml (4 tsp) canola oil, divided
- 250 ml (1 cup) finely chopped onion
- 250 ml (1 cup) finely chopped carrots
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 l (4 cups) reduced-sodium chicken broth
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Cody Battershill had plans to become a lawyer, but when his mother suggested he get into real estate he switched gears and became an immediate success.

Two years into his career, he was honoured with the MLS Millionaire Dollar Club Award and was in the top one per cent of sellers in his company. Focused and very successful in his career, Cody is also intensely committed to his city and volunteers with more than seven child and youth organizations in Calgary.

I knew I was on my way when... I was 20 years old and I sold my first house. I felt like I had gotten to the first yard marker of my success in my new career, but it's been eight years and I've never looked back.

A lot of people talk about balance. For me, that's having a family, being a pillar of the community and helping those less fortunate. One of the best things is the friendships you make. Everywhere I go I see people that have become my friends because I helped them accomplish their real estate goals. The No. 1 most important thing for me is to put my clients and their concerns first. Don't focus on the money, focus on the client.

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• Never stop reading, learning and growing
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• Do things for the right reason and the business will follow.

• Surround yourself with the right people
Look for successful people who can mentor and guide you. Ask them as much as you can for advice, career direction and planning.

• Stay focused on your goals
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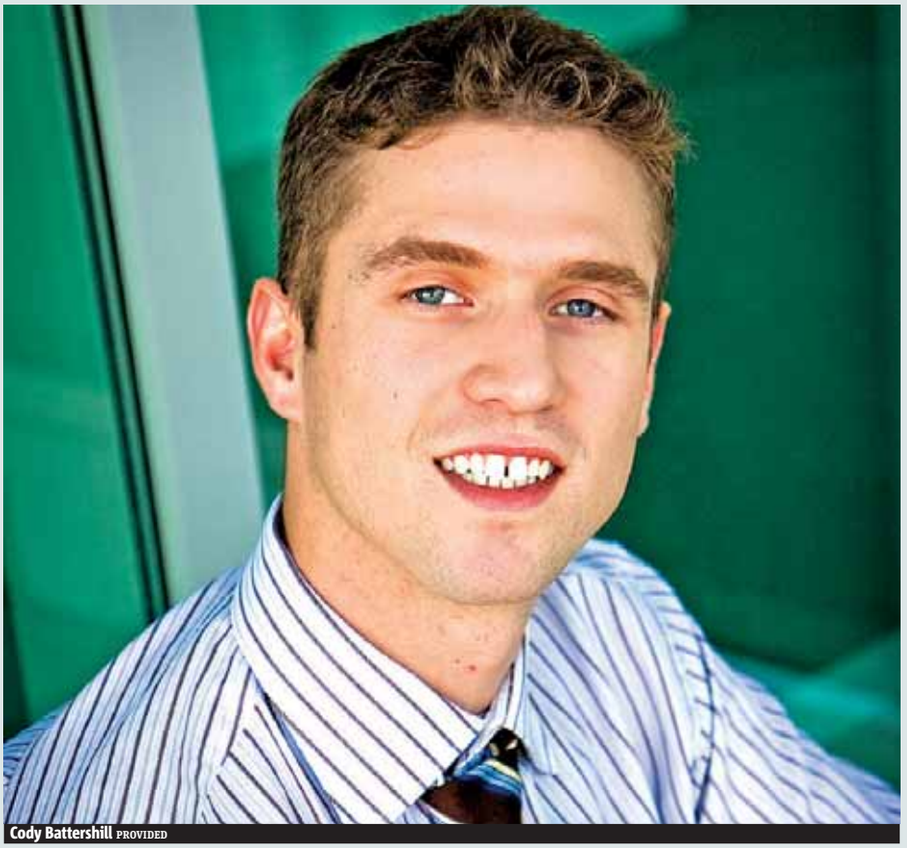

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Hanson hits 200 wins with T-Birds

Basketball. UBC men's head coach hits wins milestone vs. Lethbridge on weekend

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UBC head coach Kevin Hanson hit 200 career wins on Saturday, as the Thunderbirds defeated the visiting Lethbridge Pronghorns. BOB FRID/UBC ATHLETICS

Kevin Hanson misses playing the sport of basketball, but that's OK — he's found his niche as a coach.

On Saturday, the UBC Thunderbirds men's basketball team picked up a 96-84 win over the visiting Lethbridge Pronghorns, improving their Canada West record to 8-2 this season.

For Hanson, it was career win 200 as head coach of the Thunderbirds.

"My first comment when I found out after the game was I must be getting old," Hanson, 48, said in a phone interview on Sunday.

"That's certainly a lot of nights in our conference, a lot of basketball games and a lot of nights to be spending in the gym. But it's been a passion of mine. I love playing, I still miss being a player and the next best thing is being a coach."

Hanson's record in his 13 years as coach of the Thunderbirds stands at 200-61.

He's had the good fortune of playing two years at Langara College, and the remaining three years of his eligibility at UBC during the late 1980s.

It was as a Grade 11 high-school student that he discovered his love of coaching, thanks to an opportunity to help out as an assistant coach at mini basketball camps in North Delta.

"That's the first time I kind of fell in love with that side of it and it made me more of a cognitive player," he said.

He began his true transition into coaching with stints as an assistant at Langara, neighbouring Simon Fraser University and the Thunderbirds.

After nine years as head coach at Langara and two Canadian Colleges Athletic Association championships, he was named head coach of the Thunderbirds program in 2000.

Hanson's list of personal accolades is long and extensive. It includes five Canada West coach of the year nods, two CIS silver medals and a CIS bronze medal from two years ago.

But a CIS national title has eluded him. He'll have to wait for the New Year to try to remedy that.

The Thunderbirds don't have a regular-season game until Jan. 11, and won't hit the basketball court again until Thursday. As student-athletes, they will now focus on exams and the coming holiday season.

"It's a fine line as to how hard you go this time of the year because once that new year hits, it's full on again," Hanson said.

Quoted

"My first comment when I found out after the game was I must be getting old."

Kevin Hanson, UBC men's basketball head coach

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Giants' losing spiral continues against Americans

The Vancouver Giants dropped their seventh consecutive game with a 4-3 loss to the Tri-City Americans on Saturday at Pacific Coliseum.

The skid appeared to be coming to an end when Tristan Sieben put the Giants ahead 3-2 with 7:21 remaining in the third period.

But Justin Hamonic tied it with just over two minutes remaining, before Beau McCue stunned the 7,105 fans in attendance by scoring short-handed with only six seconds left on the clock to give Tri-City the win.

Before the game, the Giants honoured former Vancouver Canuck Trevor Linden as part of their Heroes of Hastings series.

The Giants travel to Victoria on Wednesday to play the Royals, before returning home to host the Swift Current Broncos on Friday. METRO

High-school football

Rams repeat as Triple-A champions

The Mt. Douglas Rams of Victoria took home the Subway Bowl Triple-A high-school championship on Saturday night, defeating the Vancouver College Fighting Irish 51-14.

The Rams became the first repeat champions since the St. Thomas More Collegiate Knights accomplished the feat in 2000.

The South Delta Sun Devils won the Double-A championship, with a 31-14 win over the Mission Roadrunners.

The Sun Devils last won a provincial championship in 2008. METRO

Walter at top of heap in Heat scoring

Abbotsford forward Ben Walter became the Heat's all-time leader in points in a 5-1 win on Friday over the Hamilton Bulldogs at the Abbotsford Entertainment and Sports Centre. CLINT TRAHAN/ABBOTSFORD HEAT

Ben Walter grew up a Montreal Canadiens fan, and although it was before his time, he knows well the history of Yvan Cournoyer.

Cournoyer, a 10-time Stanley Cup champion during his 16-year career with the Habs, was honoured on Friday as part of the Abbotsford Heat's Legends of Hockey series.

With Cournoyer in attendance at the Abbotsford Entertainment and Sports Centre, the Heat soundly defeated the Hamilton Bulldogs 5-1.

Walter scored a goal and added an assist, becoming the Heat's all-time leader in points with 74 in 93 regular-season games.

It's a modest milestone. The Heat have been in operation only since 2009.

"It's nice when something like that happens," said Walter, who didn't play in Saturday's rematch with the Bulldogs — a 3-0 Heat loss — due to an "upper-body injury."

"It's not like the team has been around forever, but at the same time it's an honour to have that and it just goes to show we've had a good team these last couple of years and I've been able to play with some good players and it's worked out well."

Walter's time in Abbotsford has been productive. But that's not to say it's been easy.

He's found himself seated on the bench at the direction of head coach Troy Ward the odd time since the start of last season.

Walter, an eight-year AHL veteran, has simply had to adapt.

"The coaches here put a lot of time in, a lot of work in with video and systems … and it was more than I had really experienced in my career with other coaches. It's an adjustment," he said.

"But once you get used to it, get a handle on things, you realize that it's all for something. You see it work on the ice and it makes it a lot easier to put all the work in." CAM TUCKER/METRO

Chiefs eke out a victory amidst grief

NFL. Quinn, Charles lead charge a day after alleged murder-suicide rocks Kansas City club

Kansas City Chiefs players kneel and pray before a game against the Carolina Panthers on Sunday in Kansas City, Mo. PETER AIKEN/GETTY IMAGES

Against the backdrop of an unthinkable tragedy, the Kansas City Chiefs gave themselves a reason to be proud on Sunday — and perhaps the impetus to let the healing begin.

Brady Quinn threw for 201 yards and two touchdowns and Jamaal Charles ran for 127 yards in the Chiefs' 27-21 victory over the Carolina Panthers. The win snapped an eight-game losing streak during one of the most difficult seasons the franchise has ever experienced.

The game was played one day after Chiefs linebacker Jovan Belcher allegedly shot his girlfriend multiple times at a residence near Arrowhead Stadium, then drove to the team's practice facility and turned the gun on himself as general manager Scott Pioli and coach Romeo Crennel looked on.

Pioli walked through the press box before the game and said he was doing "OK," though he didn't stop to talk. Crennel was on the sideline coaching his team to an uplifting victory.

"As far as playing the game, I thought that was the best for us to do, because that's what we do," Crennel said, tears forming in the corner of his eyes. "We're football players and football coaches and that's what we do, we play on Sunday."

Cam Newton threw for 232 yards and three touchdowns for the Panthers (3-9), who were informed the game would be played as scheduled while they were heading to Kansas City on Saturday.

DeAngelo Williams added 67 yards rushing for the Panthers, carrying the load with Jonathan Stewart out with an injury. Steve Smith, Greg Olsen and Louis Murphy caught TD passes.

"You definitely feel for them. What they are going through is tragic," Olsen said. "But we have a job to do. Our job is to come here and prepare to win. They wouldn't expect any less."

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Chiefs kicker Ryan Succop celebrates a point after touchdown on Sunday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Chiefs coach Romeo Crennel wipes his eyes before Sunday's game. COLIN E. BRALEY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Crime scene

People were coming and going on Sunday from a house where, a day before, Chiefs linebacker Jovan Belcher allegedly shot and killed his girlfriend.

- Police did not release additional information on Sunday.
- Kasandra M. Perkins, 22, was shot multiple times on Saturday morning. Belcher drove to Arrowhead Stadium to thank GM Scott Pioli and coach Romeo Crennel for all they'd done for him before he fatally shot himself in the practice facility's parking lot.

Magic bedazzle Lakers

Lakers centre Dwight Howard, right, puts up a shot against Orlando Magic centre Nikola Vucevic at Staples Center in Los Angeles on Sunday night. The Magic won 113-103. MARK J. TERRILL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA

Knicks remain perfect at Garden

Knicks forward Carmelo Anthony rises to the basket against Suns guard P.J. Tucker on Sunday. GETTY IMAGES

Rasheed Wallace delivered a hard whack to Luis Scola, then some hard words to the referees.

These New York Knicks won't let anybody have it easy at Madison Square Garden, not even the officials.

Carmelo Anthony scored 34 points and the Knicks ran their best home start in 20 years to 7-0, withstanding Wallace's ejection after a mere 1:25 of playing time to beat the Phoenix Suns 106-99 on Sunday.

Phoenix had won its last two at MSG but the Knicks have finally figured out under coach Mike Woodson that home-court games are not to be wasted. They are 18-1 in the regular season at home since he took over last March.

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Becks leaves behind legacy

Los Angeles Galaxy's David Beckham poses with his three sons, from left, Brooklyn, Romeo and Cruz. JAE C. HONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hollywood ending.
Beckham bids farewell as the L.A. Galaxy win their fourth MLS Cup

David Beckham stood on the podium with his three sons, an oversized Union Jack knotted around his Los Angeles Galaxy jersey. With a practiced lift and a broad smile, he raised the sparkling silver cup over his head to a raucous ovation amid a confetti blizzard.

Now that's a Hollywood ending worthy of a star.

Beckham wrapped up his MLS career as a two-time champion Saturday, with Landon Donovan's tiebreaking goal on a penalty kick in the 65th minute propelling the Galaxy to a 3-1 victory over the Houston Dynamo in the MLS Cup.

For the second straight year, Beckham raised a trophy that stands as evidence of the 37-year-old English midfielder's indelible impact on American soccer during his six seasons in Los Angeles.

"It's been a successful six years here, and now that we've won the second one, it's even more satisfying," Beckham said. "I just hope people have enjoyed me playing here. It's what I always hope for when I step on the field."

With a stirring second-half surge capped by Robbie Keane's goal on another penalty kick in injury time, Los Angeles won its fourth MLS Cup, tying D.C. United for the league record.

The Galaxy also gave an appropriate farewell to Beckham, who will play elsewhere in the new year before eventually returning to MLS as a team owner. With rumours linking him everywhere from Sydney to Paris, he hasn't disclosed his immediate plans beyond a Christmas vacation back home in England.

Los Angeles will miss Beckham, but the glamorous global icon is going out at an apex for MLS' highest-profile franchise.

"I just hope I've brought a bit of interest to the game (in America)," Beckham said. "If that's the single thing I've done, then great. But I think the foundations are there now in this league. It's a 17-year-old league, and the foundations are great. It will continue to grow."

Beckham hugged Galaxy coach Bruce Arena, who won his fourth MLS title, and just about everybody on the Galaxy bench before the game ended moments later.

"Today was always going to be an emotional day for myself, win or lose," said Beckham, who also won trophies in his final seasons at Real Madrid and Manchester United.

"Being successful doesn't come easy," Beckham said. "You have to work at it. I tell my children every single day that if you want to be successful, it's hard graft. It doesn't come easy, and I think we proved that this year."

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"It's been a successful six years here, and now that we've won the second one, it's even more satisfying."

David Beckham, Los Angeles Galaxy

Rugby World Cup

Canada will face odds in draw

Canada will get a better idea Monday of its possible road at the Rugby World Cup as the 2015 Pool Allocation Draw is held at the Tate Modern art gallery on the South Bank in London.

The draw allocates the top 12 teams in the world among the four tournament pools, which will be topped up by two countries per group via qualifying.

Canada can join the big boys this summer through a home-and-away series against the U.S. Eagles.

The winner qualifies as Americas 1, with the loser moving on to a home-and-away series with a South American team to determine who will be Americas 2 at the 20-team World Cup.

The loser of that playoff has a last-chance qualification route via a repechage. Canada, which went 1-2-0 in its November tour and dropped to No. 14 last week in the IRB rankings. The U.S. is No. 16.

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Horoscopes

Aries
March 21 - April 20
If you jump to conclusions today you will most likely get it completely wrong, so be careful. That applies both to personal affairs and to your career. Remember: a quick decision is not always the best decision.

Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Think twice before deciding your next move, then think a third time to be on the safe side. With Jupiter strong in your chart you could make a lot of money – but you could just as easily lose it too.

Gemini
May 22 - June 21
It could turn out to be costly if you act on the advice of a colleague. Trust your own judgment and make your own decisions, even if it means going against "expert" opinion which, as you know, is not always reliable.

Cancer
June 22 - July 23
What is your weak spot? What area are you most vulnerable in? Make sure you know and make sure you are well protected because your rivals will seek to exploit it over the next 24 hours. Be on your guard.

Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
For some strange reason the words you are using don't sound the way you want them to sound. In which case your best bet is probably to say nothing at all, at least for the next 24 to 48 hours.

Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
With the Sun opposing Jupiter across important angles of your chart you will need to make a conscious effort not to go over the top. Whatever it is that is winding you up right now let it go.

Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Common sense should tell you that you don't have the time to do everything yourself, so get help from people who share your aims and ideals. They may never do as good a job as you, but what choice do you have?

Scorpio
Oct. 2 04 - Nov. 22
Stop thinking so hard and focus on tasks that are physical rather than intellectual. Not only will your mind get the rest it needs but the answer to an old problem will pop into your head when you least expect it.

Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
With Jupiter, your ruler, opposed by the Sun today you may fear the worst about a partnership issue, but there really is no need. Everything will work out for the best in the end. Somehow it always does.

Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Partners and colleagues are far too busy sorting out their own problems at the moment to worry much about yours. Which is annoying in one way but good in another. They are less likely to watch what you're up to!

Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Take what you hear from a friend with a large pinch of salt, because the planets warn they are exaggerating. If they tell you one thing and your sixth sense tells you the opposite you must trust your own inner voice.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
It might be best not to make any sudden or far-reaching decisions, but if you have to make a choice of some kind make sure you consult family and friends.

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Crossword

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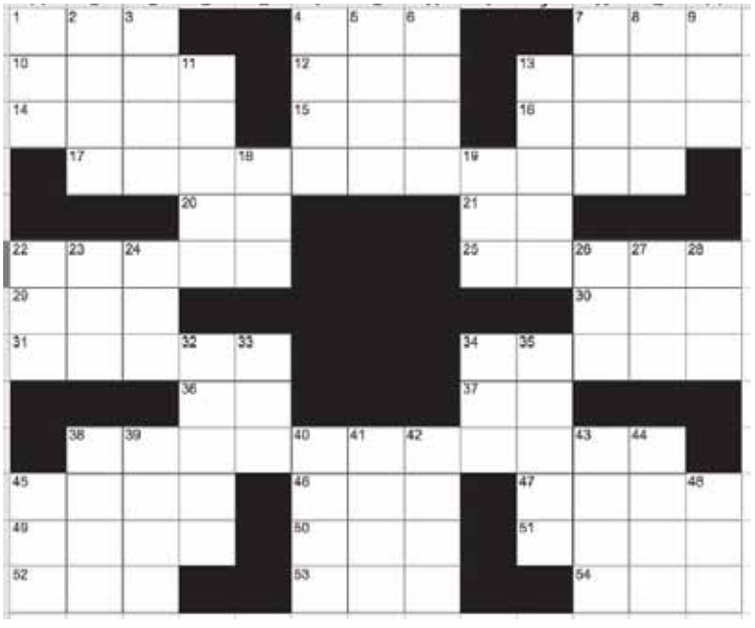
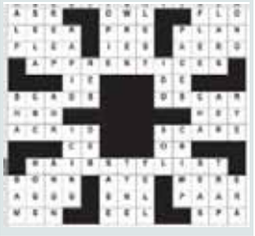


Across
1. Mistake
4. Prone
7. French soul
10. Form of transport
12. Flowery meadow
13. Study hard for a test
14. "He's Just Not That — You"
15. Hockey great
16. Flying (prefix)
17. Home of Parry Sound (2 words)
20. British thanks
21. Two, in Rome
22. Flooded
25. Fury
29. One of the judges on Dancing with the Stars
30. The night before
31. Wards off
34. Absolutely perfect
36. Apiece (abbr.)
37. Regarding (abbr.)
38. Depict
45. Continental currency
46. Airport listing (abbr.)
47. The — Ranger
49. 'A' – – Apple (2 words)
50. Dismal
51. Gradual
52. Abbr. found on a map
53. – la la
54. Wind direction (abbr.)

Down
1. Silkworm
2. Pealed
3. Ceremonial act
4. Like a bump on – – (2 words)
5. Gilpin of Frasier
6. "Gone with the Wind" plantation
7. Land measure
8. Name repeated in a nursery rhyme
9. Funnyman Philips
11. Hauls
13. Log home
18. School cheer
19. Actress Peeples
22. TV alien
23. Tiny
24. Raggedy doll
26. Golly!
27. Longoria of Desperate Housewives
28. Family mem.
32. Evil one
33. — Paulo, Brazil
34. Bargain basement abbr.
35. Buys and sells
38. Sneeze inducer
39. A great lake
40. Retreat
41. Nova
42. Cry of accomplishment
43. Allure
44. Dukes of Hazzard spin-off
45. Corn serving
48. Female sheep

Friday's Crossword



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Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Friday's Sudoku

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